

*Celebration of Life Service for
Our Beloved Sister*



Vera Ann Ballard

Sunrise: March 25, 1954

Sunset: August 22, 2016

• Service

Monday, August 29, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, New York

Pastor Jason L. Hendrickson, Officiating

Reverend David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Vera Ann Ballard, also referred to lovingly as “Aunt Vay”, was born on March 25, 1954 in South Carolina to (the late) Ishmael Ballard and Mrs. Catherine Ballard.

Vera comes from a family of twelve siblings. The Ballards were part of that “great Black migration” of southern families looking for jobs and opportunities in the North. Upon arriving in Brooklyn, New York in 1959, Vera Ann attended IS 49.

She was fearless and full of sugar and spice. She lived her life residing in two homes that she made in Brooklyn, New York and Sumter, South Carolina. Her passion and love for Brooklyn was what brought her back to NY where she spent her final days with her younger sister, Lorand and brother-in-law, Ralph these were cherished moments.

Vera Ann is survived by: her loving mother, Mrs. Catherine Blanden Ballard. Vera is also survived by her precious children, Marcus Ballard and Fatima Lashawn Ballard; beautiful sisters, Regina Mack, Diane Wimbush, Lorand B. Kenon, Sylvia Steward, Thomasina Ballard and baby brother, Eugene Ballard. Vera is preceded by Jackie Mason Lawyer, Ishmael Ballard, Jr., Larry Ballard, Bodilly Ballard, and John Calvin Ballard. Grandsons, Christopher Deshawn Bowie and Marquise Prince; great grandchildren, Christain Bowie and Cristol Bowie; and a host of, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews who she loved dearly.

Sisters Tribute

*Of all the many blessings
no matter great or small
To have had you for a sister
Was the greatest one of all.
The family chain is broken now
And nothing seems the same
But as God takes us one by one
The chain will link again.*

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading: Psalm 27.....Nieces

First Hymn.....Sister Tareyah Kennerly

Prayer of Comfort.....Officiant

Tribute.....Lorand B. Kenon

Hymn.....Sister Tareyah Kennerly

Eulogy.....Officiant

Final Glimpse

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keeps you;

The Lord make his face

Shine upon you

The Lord turns his face Toward you

And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Recessional

Interment

Rosemount Cemetery

Elizabeth, New Jersey

In Loving Memory

*We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow, too.
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show;
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you
That will never go away.*

The Family

In Grateful Appreciation

*The family of the late **Vera Ann Ballard** wishes to express deep heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concerns, including cards, flowers, phone calls, emails, texts, visits, your presence here this afternoon, and especially your prayers. We also appreciate those who traveled small and great distances to encourage us during this time. May God bless each of you, and may His peace be with you always.*

2352 8th Avenue • Manhattan, NY • (212) 666-8300
1406 Pitkin Avenue • Brooklyn, NY • (718) 774-1023
1018 Prospect Avenue • Bronx, NY • (718) 542-3833

Clifford V. James, President & CEO
www.unityfuneralchapels.com
email: unityfc@aol.com

FCU



"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"